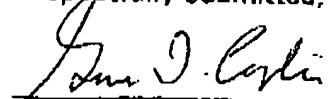


transformed into, e.g., electron beams that are to scan said plane to form or record the image. This additional clarification is made in the amended claims. Amendments are also made in claims 35 and 36 to correspond to amended claim 34.

The arguments presented in the January 24, 2000 Amendment are not changed and should be considered.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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